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## **President's Letter/December 2022**

### **Dear Members of Colonial Beach Chapter 595,**

**I hope everyone had a happy and safe Thanksgiving. Can you believe it? It is time to start thinking about the December holidays. As you know, it has been the holiday tradition of this chapter to visit the Westmoreland Rehabilitation Center with the bringing of gifts for the residents and the singing of carols. In 2020 and 2021 COVID prevented us from this celebration. At our November meeting we decided for this year to bring gifts to the residents of the Rehabilitation Center by getting the Angel Tags from the Christmas tree at the Center and buying gifts based on the tags. Would you believe that Loy Schuchart, went over to the Rehabilitation Center right after our November meeting to get some Angel Tags and all the tags had already been taken by another organization. But not to worry, we will now go to Plan B. Loy spoke with the staff and we can bring in donations and the staff will purchase presents for the residents based on their individual needs. Here is what we are asking you to do. Please bring a donation of \$10.00 (most likely that is what you would have spent in the past for a gift) to the meeting next week and we will get it to the staff at the Rehabilitation Center. If you are not able to come to the meeting on December 13th, please send your \$10.00 donation to our treasurer, Stan Palen, 8283 Oakwood Drive, King George, VA 22485.**

**So, this year we will have our holiday gathering at the Hunan at noon on Tuesday, December 13, 2022. Once again Ann Mills and Loy Schuchart have agreed to set up an exciting holiday program. It will include Holiday music, a door prize, dessert, and more surprises.**

**Even though we will be having a great party at the meeting we do have some business to attend to. We need to conduct the nomination and election of officers for 2023. All of our current officers have agreed to serve another year but we know that there might be someone else who is willing to become an officer. Therefore, before we conduct the election, we will ask for nominations from the floor.**

**Due to the overwhelming success of our Harvest Supper, our chapter will be sending in a substantial contribution to Alzheimer's (\$2800), but just in case you may want to send in a year end donation, it is not too late to send a check for a donation to Alzheimer's. Please send your check to Stan and he will take it from there. Please make your check out to Colonial Beach Chapter 595. Here is Stan's the address again: Stan Palen, 8283 Oakwood Dr, King George, VA 22485. Questions? Call Stan (540 775-7027) or me. Of course, you can also bring your check to the December meeting, Tuesday, December 13, 2022.**

**To those of you who I do not see later this month, Happy Holidays and Happy New Year.**

**Leslie Ravenell, President, Colonial Beach Chapter 595**

**P.S. We are doing so well with our food bank donations. Let's keep it up! Our friends in Colonial Beach and King George continue to need our help. This months donations go to Colonial Beach Baptist Church.**

**MEETING NOTICE**

**December 13, 2022**

**12 PM at the Hunan**

**This month it is a Holiday Gathering.**

## Have you looked into FedHub yet?

It is a new way to keep up with goings on that involve Active and Retired Federal Employees. There are communities you can join, newsletters you can subscribe to.

It is at [Fedhub.narfe.org](https://fedhub.narfe.org). You log in the same way you do for [NARFE.org](https://narfe.org). Usually email and membership number unless you have set up a different password. There is even an App in the Apple App Store or Android Play Store. For use on smart phones.

There is a group for Webmasters.

It seems to be much friendlier than earlier NARFE websites.

Stan Palen

The following is from **FEDWeek Weekly of November 3:**

### [We Need More Money to Improve Service to You, SSA Tells Public](#)

In an unusual message, the SSA has in effect asked the public to support a budgetary boost the Biden White House is seeking for the agency, saying “the bottom line is that we need more funding to deliver the services you expect and deserve.”

The blog posting is timely, as it comes as Congress is set to consider at least a temporary funding extension and possibly a wrapup funding bill covering the remainder of the current fiscal year for SSA and other agencies. However, it is rare if not unprecedented in a communications channel the agency uses for purposes such as explaining benefits eligibility and for routine announcements such as listing the most popular names for newborns. Read at <https://www.fedweek.com/fedweek/we-need-more-money-to-improve-service-to-you-ssa-tells-public/>

### [Report Examines Enrollment, Premium Patterns in Long-Term Care Insurance](#)

A Congressional Research Service Report has found that factors that led to the upcoming suspension in new enrollments in the Federal Long-Term Care Insurance Program—such as overall low rates of enrollment and premium rates that do not cover projected claims rates—apply in the overall long-term care insurance market. For a closer look, go to <https://www.fedweek.com/issue-briefs/report-fltcip-problems-also-apply-in-wider-insurance-market/>

### [Extra Time Off Around Christmas Holiday Unlikely this Year](#)

Some federal employees have started asking whether they will get extra time off without charge to leave around the holidays. While there is no answer yet—if time off is granted, it typically doesn't happen until mid-December—the precedent is against it. Read at <https://www.fedweek.com/fedweek/2022-extra-time-off-around-christmas-holiday/>

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**Meeting Date**

**December 13**

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